

Army from Maktadar al Sadr was dominant. Neither one of these groups is seen as really furthering the common interests of the country of Iraq, and both Sunni and Shia were asking for help from the Americans.

Another headline that greeted me Monday morning when I woke up in Germany on the way back, one of the generals, General Mixon, has proposed a shift in strategy in Iraq. He says, they're so calm up north, maybe we should be able to bring some of our troops from up north down to the areas around Baghdad to provide additional security there because, quite frankly, they're not needed in Nineveh province. They're not needed in these areas where just a year ago there was significant terrorist activity occurring and United States troops were required.

Madam Speaker, you have been very generous with the time. I hope to be back here next week with the other members of the congressional delegation that went to Iraq. We'll talk a great deal more about this subject, but some of these issues were time sensitive and I wanted to get them on the record while they were still very relevant.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BACHUS (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and July 23 on account of illness.

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for July 23 on account of attending the State of Northern Kentucky address.

Mr. PENCE (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of family medical reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BURGESS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, July 31.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, July 31.

Mr. GOHMERT, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's

table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1856. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to make technical corrections to the new border tunnels and passages of fence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July, 25, 2007, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2623. A letter from the Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of intent to obligate funds for three additional projects for the Fiscal Year 2007 Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) Program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2350a(g); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2624. A letter from the Acting Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the decision to convert to contract the aircraft line maintenance functions in China Lake, CA; Lemoore, CA; San Diego, CA; Jacksonville, FL; Mayport, FL; Patuxent River, MD; Norfolk, VA; Virginia Beach, VA; and Oak Harbour, WA, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2625. A letter from the Chief, Congressional Action Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting Notice of the decision to initiate a multi-function standard competition of the Noncore Enterprise Communications Function at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2626. A letter from the Chief, Congressional Action Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting Notice of the decision to initiate a multi-function standard competition of the Core Enterprise Communications Function at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2627. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting the Board's Report to Congress on the Plutonium Storage at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, pursuant to Public Law 107-314, section 3183; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2628. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Colonel Stephen R. Lanza to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2629. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the omission of the SSN from the Department of Defense military identification cards, pursuant to Public Law 109-364, section 585; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2630. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of De-

fense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2631. A letter from the Director, National Defense Research Institute, transmitting a copy of the report entitled, "F-22A Multi-Year Procurement Program: An Assessment of Cost Savings," pursuant to Public Law 109-364, section 134; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2632. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the quarterly report of obligations and outlays of FY 2004, FY 2005 and FY 2006 funds under the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief through September 30, 2006, pursuant to Division D, Pub. L. 108-199; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2633. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and services to the Government of Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 073-07); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2634. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment from the Government of Belgium (Transmittal No. RSAT-01-07); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2635. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to Section 620C(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and in accordance with section 1(a)(6) of Executive Order 13313, a report prepared by the Department of State on the progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period April 1, 2007 through May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2636. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2637. A letter from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, transmitting the 2006 management report and statements on system of internal controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2638. A letter from the Legislative Counsel, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting a copy of a draft bill entitled, "To clarify the authorities for the use of certain National Park Service properties within Golden Gate National Recreational Area and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2639. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200, A330-300, A340-200, and A340-300 Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-27013; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-236-AD; Amendment 39-15022; AD 2007-08-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 19, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2640. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2006-26233; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-63-AD; Amendment